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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents are enclosed.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) above but before the mailing date of any of a **final action** under 37 C.F.R. 1.113, a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
- ☐ the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein; or

- ☐ (3) after the period defined in (2) above but before the payment of the **issue fee**, AND
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, AND
- ☐ the requisite petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00** is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

#### STATEMENT

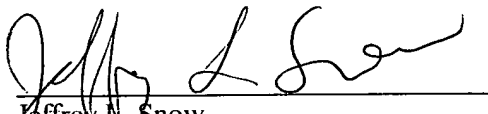
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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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	A1	4,682,702	07/28/1987	Gach				
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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	B1	2377701A	GB			01/22/2003	N	Y
	B2	2151579A	GB			07/24/1985	N	Y
	B3	2192179A	GB			01/06/1988	N	Y
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